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ALLOCATION OF AGENDA ITEMS TO THE SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

Letter dated 20 September 1996 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the decisions taken by the fifty-first session of the General Assembly at its 3rd plenary meeting pertaining to the allocation of items to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).

I wish to draw your attention to the recommendations on the organization of the session contained in section II of the report of the General Committee (A/51/250). Those recommendations were approved by the General Assembly also at its 3rd plenary meeting.

May I also draw your attention to paragraph 38 of section IV and to the relevant part of paragraph 44 of section V of the report concerning the agenda of the Main Committees.

I earnestly request your cooperation in these matters.

(Signed) Razali ISMAIL

ANNEX

Allocation of items to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

1. Effects of atomic radiation (item 82).

2. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space (item 83).

3. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (item 84).

4. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories (item 85).

5. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects (item 86).

6. Questions relating to information (item 87).

7. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations (item 88).

8. Activities of foreign economic and other interests which impede the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Territories under colonial domination (item 89).

9. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (item 90).

10. Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapter V (section A)] (item 12).

    [The General Assembly decided that chapter V (section A) of the report would be referred also to plenary meetings and to the Third Committee.]

11. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories (item 91).

12. The situation in the occupied territories of Croatia (item 92).

13. Question of the composition of the relevant organs of the United Nations (item 93).

14. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (item 19).

[The General Assembly decided to refer to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) chapters of the report of the Special Committee (A/51/23) relating to specific Territories so that the Assembly might deal in plenary meeting with the question of the implementation of the Declaration as a whole.]

15. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) (item 49).

[The General Assembly decided that the item should be considered directly in plenary meeting, on the understanding that bodies and individuals having an interest in the question would be heard in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in conjunction with the consideration of the item in plenary meeting.]

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ALLOCATION OF ITEMS TO THE SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

Letter dated 27 September 1996 from the Chairman of the Fifth Committee to the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 20 September 1996, the General Assembly decided to allocate agenda item 114, Programme planning, to the Fifth Committee. You may recall that the General Assembly, in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, resolved to achieve improvement in the consultative process for the formulation of the medium-term plan through, inter alia, consultations in a systematic way regarding the major programmes in the plan with sectoral, technical, regional and central bodies in the United Nations, with a view to establishing the broadest possible agreement. As in the past, it is therefore understood that each programme of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001, as appropriate, will be submitted to the Main Committees for review.

In that connection, I would like to invite you to ensure that the programme of work of your Committee is organized in such a manner as to facilitate the consideration of the proposed programmes relevant to the work of your Committee prior to the consideration of the item by the Fifth Committee.

I wish to inform you that the Fifth Committee intends to begin its consideration of the item on programme planning on 21 October.

I should therefore be grateful if you would bring this issue to the attention of your Committee and arrange that the views of your Committee on

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programmes 2, Peacekeeping operations, 3, Peaceful uses of outer space, and 23, Public information, of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001 are communicated to me as soon as possible.

(Signed) Ngoni Francis SENGWE
Chairman
Fifth Committee of the General Assembly

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QUESTION OF GUAM

Request for hearing

Letter dated 28 August 1996 from Speaker Don Parkinson, twenty-third Guam legislature, addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee*

I wish to address the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) on the question of Guam.

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(Signed) Don PARKINSON

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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

QUESTION OF GUAM

Request for hearing

Letter dated 11 September 1996 from Senator Hope Alvarez Cristobal, Twenty-Third Guam Legislature, addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)*

I wish to request that I may be afforded an opportunity to present a testimony to the Fourth Committee when it considers the question of Guam.

(Signed) Hope ALVAREZ CRISTOBAL
Senator

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